IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO : 9205 of 2002

Between:

1 S.Abdul Gafoor S/o. S.Abdul Nabi
Kurnool District.
2 S.Abdul Khader S/o. S.Mohiddin Saheb,
Nandikotkur, Kurnool District.

..... PETITIONERS

AND

1 The Mandal Revenue Officer (Civil Supplies

Department), Nandikotkur, Kurnool district.
2 The District Collector (Civil Supplies Department),
Kurnool.
3 The Government of A.P., Rep by its Secretary,
Department of Civil Supplies, Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

.....RESPONDENTS.

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY

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ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed questioning seizure of 594 bags of Sona Masoori rice, 211 bags of (64 variety) rice, and 33 bags of broken rice by the first respondent on 20-4-

2002.

The said seizure was effected alleging contravention of provisions of the A.P. Scheduled Commodities Dealers (Licensing and Distribution) Order 1982, by the petitioner. At the stage of admission, this Court by order dated 14-5-2002, directed the respondents to release the stocks seized on 20-4-2002, on furnishing third party security for the value of the goods. It is stated, that pursuant to the order of this Court, the said stocks were released.

Regarding the contraventions alleged against the petitioner, it is a matter for enquiry by the competent authority under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act. In that view of the matter, I dispose of the Writ Petition directing the respondents to conclude the enquiry under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, if not already completed, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of this order. The third party security furnished by the petitioner, pursuant to the order of this court, shall be subject to the final orders to be passed by the respondents under 6-A proceedings.

Subject to the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY

DATED: 16-11-2005.

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